

EXHIBIT 18

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Dear Markus Kitchens,

National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) processes requests for test accommodations on behalf of the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) program. If you would like for us to continue processing your request for test accommodations on the USMLE Step 1, you must submit additional documentation for our review. Alternatively, we can release the hold on your scheduling permit for a standard time examination.

You have requested additional break time and 50% additional test time on the basis of Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) diagnosed in 2013 and Test Anxiety diagnosed in 2018. Received in support of your request was duplicate copies of documentation that was previously carefully and thoroughly reviewed with your initial request for test accommodations for Step 1 submitted in January 2022; submitted documentation includes an October 27, 2020 Appointment Confirmation e-mail for the NBME Subject Examination Program, an October 5, 2020 Office Visit in NM Dermatology, and a July 26, 2017 Office Visit Note signed by Vicki Hackman, M.D. We thoroughly reviewed your initial January 2022 submission and explained our decision to you in a detailed letter dated February 8, 2022.

To reiterate the information Jennifer provided to you in her August 31, 2022 e-mail, you will need to send in new documentation to support your current request. We strongly encourage you to review the USMLE Guidelines for Requesting Test Accommodations (<https://www.usmle.org/step-exams/test-accommodations/guidelines>) as we now have specific guidelines for requesting on the basis of neurodevelopmental disorders such as ADHD.

We will continue processing your request as soon as we receive a response from you indicating whether you would like for us to release the hold on your scheduling permit for a standard examination, or wait for additional documentation to continue processing your request for break time and additional test time. Please contact your Disability Services Specialist, Jennifer, by email to notify her of how you would like to proceed.

Sincerely,

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